



GAME NOTES

Penticton Vees
at
Wenatchee Wild

Friday December 29, 2017



Tonight, the Wenatchee Wild (23-9-2-1, 2nd Place Interior Div.) meet the Penticton Vees (22-7-2-2, 3rd Place, Interior Div.) in the third of six scheduled meetings this season.

HEAD TO HEAD: Tonight is the seventh meeting all-time between these two franchises. The Wild are 3-3-0 all-time against Penticton, and 2-1-0 at Town Toyota Center. Wenatchee has won both games this season, a 4-2 win at home followed by a 3-2 double overtime win on the road four days later.

WHO TO WATCH FOR: **Jasper Weatherby** (25g, 23a) leads the Wenatchee offense, followed by **Lucas Sowder** (15g, 24a) and defenseman **Cooper Zech** (7g, 30a) who leads all BCHL defenseman in scoring. Goalie **Seth Eisele** sports a 2.50 Goals Against Average, and a Save Percentage of .887. Penticton's Owen Sillinger leads all Vees scorers with 33 points and defenseman Nicky Leivermann has 27 while three teammates each have 23 points (Dakota Boutin, Johnny Tychonick, and Taylor Ward). Goalie Nolan Hildebrand is 8-1-0 with a 2.25 GAA and a .919 save percentage. Wild defenseman **Slava Demin** and Vees defenseman Johnny Tychonick were both identified by NHL Central Scouting as potential 2nd or 3rd draft picks in 2018. For the Vees, defenseman Nicky Leivermann was drafted by the Colorado Avalanche in the 7th round in 2017 and defenseman Ryan O'Connell was drafted by the Toronto Maple Leafs, also in the 7th round.

SPECIAL TEAMS:	WEN PP – 45/199 22.6% 3rd	WEN PK – 20/134 85.1% 3rd
	PEN PP – 32/142 22.5% 4th	PEN PK – 18/145 87.6% 1st

LAST GAMES: The Wild closed out their pre-Christmas schedule with a 10-2 home win over Salmon Arm to complete a weekend sweep. Penticton is winless in their last three, dropping a 4-2 loss at home to Nanaimo in their final game before the holiday break.

MOVING ON: After tomorrow's rematch in Wenatchee, the Wild have a three-game road trip next week with games at Trail, Salmon Arm, and Penticton. The Vees head home to launch a four-game home stand with Prince George and Wenatchee coming in next weekend.

MEDIA: Tonight's game and all Wild games are aired on Sunny FM (93.9 FM), and available on a pay-per-view basis with HockeyTV.com. Pregame show airs tonight at 6:45 pm.

TONIGHT'S PROMOTION: Tonight's game is sponsored by Plumb Perfect.

NEXT HOME GAME: Saturday Dec. 30 vs Penticton Vees. It's "WAHA Night", benefitting the Wenatchee Amateur Hockey Association. The Wild will wear specially designed jerseys that will be auctioned off via live postgame auction. WAHA players will show off their talents as they participate in a Skills Competition on ice during the first intermission.

TONIGHT'S GAME SPONSOR:

